Ban on coffee exports

771. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIG.Y. KRISHNAN :

:l the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that in September last Government had banned the export of coffee to bring down the rising domestic prices;

(b) if so, to what extent the objective of containing the coffee prices has been achieved and the extent to which Government has suffered a loss in foreign exchange on banning the export of coffee; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the coffee policy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRTPRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir, The Government in August, 94 fixed a ceiling on export of coffee in August 1994 and banned exports of certain low grades of coffee with a view to improve the domestic availability of coffee.

(b) and (c) With the above steps i by the Government, the domestic prices of coffee have been ing downward trend. There has been no loss of foreign exchange whatsoever since the export ceiling was prescribed as per the target of exports of 1994-95. In fact, the export during the year has been an all time high.

Stipulation for export of BIO-TEA'

772. SHRl N1LOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a stipulation for 'Bio-tea' or "Organic-tea "from some major importer countries of tea from India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the minimum residual limits fixed;

(c) whether thi fected the tea-export to other countries visa-vis other exporter countries; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken by Government to maintain the competitiveness of Indian tea in export market ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRl PRANAB MUKHERJEE
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. European Union have published detailed procedure with regard to organic production of agricultural products by the member count ie, and their imports from third CJUjrrics. The guidelines published by European Union inter-alia incluc'e procedure for labelling of organic products, rules for prediction inspection sys'eni procedure for imponof organic p"oducts from third countries

(c) No, Sir, Bio-teas are exported from India by some enlisted producers in a limited way and this has not affected the overall tea exports from the country.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

निर्यातक कंपनियों के कार्यकरण की पुनरीक्षा

773. श्री ईश [illegible] यादव
श्री [illegible] :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार निर्यात करने वाली कंपनियों के कार्यकरण की समय-समय पर पुनरीक्षा करती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दोषी कम्पनियों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाई की गई है ;